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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Council
FROM: Marcia Elkins, Planning Director
DATE: October 24, 2001
RE: Vehicle Purchase

The Planning Department staff is seeking direction and authority from the City Council regarding the purchase of a new vehicle. The basic criteria of the selected vehicle are six-passenger capacity and all-wheel or four-wheel drive. Originally, the staff had proposed the purchase of a Suburban style vehicle to be used for highway travel as well as site inspections with Committees, Planning Commission, etc. Based on increases in gas prices earlier this summer, staff re-evaluated the alternatives. A summary of the four vehicles being considered is as follows:

Make/Model	Cost	Engine	City mpg	Hwy mpg	Anticipated Annual Fuel Cost**	Drive
Dodge Durango	\$26,440	5.9L V8	12	17	\$950	4x4
Dodge Grand Caravan*	\$28,155	3.8L V6	16	21	\$713	All Wheel
Chevrolet Suburban	\$30,968	5.7L V8	13	17	\$877	4x4
Ford Excursion	\$29,254	6.8L V10	NA	NA	NA	4x4

The Dodge Durango, Chevrolet Suburban and Ford Excursion are available from the state bid list.

*Purchase of an all-wheel drive Dodge Grand Caravan will require bidding out the vehicle as only the front-wheel drive model is listed on the state bid list. The cost information reflected above has been provided by the local dealer and includes the additional cost for the optional side airbag head protection recommended by the Highway Safety Institute to allow the vehicle to obtain an "acceptable" rating.

**Fuel costs are based on 7,600 annual miles and fuel costs of \$1.50 per gallon using City mpg rates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the purchase of the Dodge Durango from Wegner Auto Co. Inc. on State Bid #13387 in the amount of \$26,440.00.



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